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A Festive Fourth

Garmisch, Stuttgart celebrate Independence Day



Drew Benson

Philip Rhodes, 12, left, and Kimberly Kiraly, a Middle School Teen Center Camp Adventure counselor, share a star-spangled smile during Garmisch's July 4 celebration on Artillery Kaserne. For additional Independence Day celebration photos see pages 8, 9 and 10.

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Soldiers of the German Bundeswehr are guests of honor at a Garmisch ceremony that thanks them for their force-protection efforts on Sheridan Kaserne.



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A group of students from Stuttgart's Patch High School attend a theater workshop in London and visit William Shakespeare's hometown of Stratford-Upon-Avon.



U.S. troops part of proud legacy

By Donald Rumsfeld
U.S. Secretary of Defense

More than two centuries ago, groups of patriots gathered in halls and in farm houses to debate the course of a young nation's destiny. Their journey was a difficult one.

It was one group of patriots in particular – farmers and shopkeepers turned colonial soldiers – that our nation relied upon to secure those ideals. The soldiers suffered many defeats along the way, but they never surrendered their willingness to make any sacrifice for a cause greater than themselves.

Promoting the highest of ideals and defending them at all costs is a defining characteristic of what it is to be American.

Today, we continue to be blessed by the service of men and women as dedicated to the cause of freedom as the first generation who wore our country's uniform. And it is during this time of year we reflect on our freedoms and way of life secured through their actions. Those men and women – volunteers all – serve and they sacrifice ... with a single purpose: to make safe the blessings we are privileged to enjoy.

To each of you serving our nation's highest ideals, know that you are part of a proud legacy. You have been and are making history, and you will be an inspiration for the generations to come. May God bless each of you. May God bless your families and your loved ones. And may God continue to bless our wonderful country.

CORRECTION

The July 4 story "Ambassador returns to Garmisch's Marshall Center" and the accompanying photo should have been credited to Anne Fugate of the George C. Marshall Center Public Affairs Office.

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Bush: U.S. service members ensure 'every day is Independence Day'

The following is an excerpt of President George W. Bush's Independence Day speech at Fort Bragg, N.C.

George W. Bush
U.S. President

Today we mark the 230th anniversary of American independence. And on this day, when we give thanks for our freedom, we also give thanks for the men and women who make our freedom possible. Each of you have stepped forward to serve, knowing the risks and dangers that accompany freedom's defense.

I've come to thank you for your valor, and to thank you for your patriotism. I've come to share with you, and with the American people, how your dedication and your sacrifice are helping us win the war on terror. You are serving our country at a time when our country needs you. And because of your courage, every day is Independence Day in America. ...

Two-hundred-and-thirty years ago, 56 brave men signed their names to a document that set the course of our nation. It changed the history of the world.

Our Declaration of Independence was a bold statement of revolutionary principles. It laid down a creed of freedom and a quality that has lifted the lives of hundreds of millions here in America and around the world. Yet, without the courage of the soldiers of our Continental Army, the words of the Declaration would have been forgotten by history, dismissed as the radical musings of a failed revolution.

We celebrate Independence Day each year because that ragtag group of citizen soldiers challenged the world's most powerful military, secured our liberty and planted a standard of freedom to which the entire world has aspired.

Since that first Fourth of July, some 43 million Americans have defended our freedom in times of war. These brave men and women crossed oceans and continents to defeat murderous ideologies and to secure the peace for generations that followed.

We live in liberty because of the courage they displayed – from Bunker Hill to Baghdad, from Concord to Kabu. O this Independence Day we honor their achievements and we thank them for their service in freedom's cause.

Fort Bragg is the home to some of our country's best and bravest: the men and women of the United States Army Special Operations Command. Army Special Forces define their mission in a motto: "To Liberate the Oppressed." And in the war on terror you've done just that, overthrowing cruel regimes in Afghanistan and Iraq, and bringing freedom to more than 50 million people.

Green Berets were the first U.S. forces on the ground in both Operation Enduring Freedom and our Operation Iraqi Freedom. And along with others, you remain on the offense against the terrorists today. A few weeks ago, I had a chance to visit Baghdad and visit with some of Fort Bragg's finest soldiers, the special operation forces who helped bring justice to the terrorist Zarqawi.

They were the first coalition forces to arrive on the scene after the bombing of Zarqawi's safe house. They administered compassionate medical care to a man who showed no compassion to his victims.

And when this brutal terrorist took his final breath, one of the last things he saw was the face of an American soldier from Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

We're on the offense. In the weeks since Zarqawi's death, coalition and Iraqi forces have launched more than 190 raids on targets across the country. We've captured more than 700 enemy operatives and killed some 60 more.

In these raids, we've uncovered caches of weapons and suicide vests and Iraqi army uniforms to be used as disguises in brutal terrorist attacks. We've seized new intelligence information that is helping us keep the pressure on the terrorists and the insurgents.

And at this moment of vulnerability for the enemy, we will continue to strike their network, we will disrupt their operations, and we will bring their leaders to justice. ...

There's more work to be done in Iraq. The Iraqi people face deadly enemies who are determined to stop Iraq's new

I believe in you, and I believe in all the men and women who are serving in the cause of freedom with such courage and such determination. You're winning this war – and enemies understand that, too.

unity government from succeeding. They can't stand the thought of liberty. Our strategy is clear, our goals are easy to understand: We will help Iraq's new leaders, we will help the people of Iraq build a country that can govern itself and sustain itself and defend itself as a free nation. Our troops will help the Iraqi people succeed because it's in our national interests. A free Iraq in the heart of the Middle East will make America and the world more secure.

I'm going to make you this promise: I'm not going to allow the sacrifice of 2,527 troops who have died in Iraq to be in vain by pulling out before the job is done. ...

I'll make you another pledge: We're going to make sure you have the resources you need to defeat our enemies in Iraq and secure the peace for generations to come.

I believe in you, and I believe in all the men and women who are serving in the cause of freedom with such courage and such determination. You're winning this war – and enemies understand that, too.

We get all kinds of evidence when we raid these safe houses, about their concerns. They bemoan the fact that we're keeping the pressure on them. They see the successes we're having in training. They know we're damaging their cause. This moment when the terrorists are suffering from the weight of successive blows is not the time to call retreat. We will stay, we will fight, and we will prevail. ...

Victory in Iraq will not, in itself, end the war on terror. We're engaged in a global struggle against the followers of a murderous ideology that despises freedom and crushes all dissent, and has territorial ambitions and pursues totalitarian aims. This enemy attacked us in our homeland on September the 11th, 2001. They're pursuing weapons of mass destruction that would allow them to deliver even more catastrophic destruction to our country and our friends and allies across the world. They're dangerous. And against such enemy there is only one effective response: We will never back down, we will never give in and we will never accept anything less than complete victory. ...

These are historic times, and I thank you for putting on the uniform, and for volunteering to serve this country during these important times. I have confidence in our country and I have faith in our cause. ...

Across our country, Americans are coming together to help our deployed forces and their families. And we can do more. So on this Fourth of July, I ask all Americans to take a moment and consider what you might do to support the men and women who wear our nation's uniform. If you're interested in helping, go to a Department of Defense website called AmericaSupportsYou.mil. That's where you can find a place to volunteer, an opportunity to help. I ask every citizen to consider making a contribution to the men and women who defend us, because every one of us owes our freedom to these courageous Americans. ...

You've given our citizens a priceless gift, the opportunity to live in freedom and to pursue their dreams, and enjoy lives of purpose and dignity. You've kept America what our founders meant her to be: a light to the nations, spreading the good news of human freedom to the darkest corners of earth.

I want to thank you for all you do for our country and for the world. May God bless you all, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

The full text of this speech can be accessed online at www.whitehouse.gov.

Tricare offices move to Panzer

Renovation work at Health Clinic prompts temporary relocation

Stuttgart Tricare Service Center Release

Due to limited space and renovation work at the U.S. Army Health Clinic on Patch Barracks, Tricare’s health care finders and patient liaisons have been relocated to the Tricare Service Center on Panzer Kaserne (building 2996). All other Tricare functions relocated to Panzer earlier this year. Tricare officials expect to move back to Patch Barracks by the end of the year.

In the interim, Tricare beneficiaries in Stuttgart may access the following services on Panzer:

TRICARE Service Center

- Location: Panzer Kaserne, Building 2996
- Hours of Operation: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wed. and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; Thursdays – 1 to 3 p.m.
- Phone: 431-3025/civ. 07031-15-3025
- The Tricare Service Center is closed on all German and U.S. federal holidays

Tricare Enrollment Office

- Location: Panzer Kaserne, Building 2913 (Community Welcome Center)
- Hours of Operation: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m.
- The Tricare Enrollment Office is closed on all U.S. federal holidays

Tricare Patient Liaisons

- Location: Panzer Kaserne (Building 2996)
- Mission: Visit all Tricare beneficiary inpatients hospitalized in the Greater Stuttgart area.
- Phone: 431-2147/2241/2258/civ. 07031-15-2147/2241/2258

Tricare Health Benefit Advisors

- Location: Panzer Kaserne (Building 2996)
- Mission: Handle inquiries regarding health care benefits and coverage, and assist with complex claim issues.
- Phone: 431-3026/3031/civ. 07031-15-3026/3031

Tricare Health Care Finders

- Location: Panzer Kaserne (Building 2996)
- Mission: Coordinate and book appointments for host nation medical care.
- Phone: 431-2058/3002/civ. 07031-15-2058/3002

Tricare Medical Records Technician

- Location: Panzer Kaserne (Building 2996)
- Mission: Forward foreign language medical treatment records to U.S. based contractors for translation.
- Phone: 431-3027/07031-15-3027

Please note that active-duty Tricare beneficiaries and their family members enrolled in Tricare Prime must drop off any medical treatment invoices they receive to the Tricare office in the Patch Clinic.

Retirees and other Tricare Standard beneficiaries are to file claims directly with the U.S. based claims processing center. Claims submission information, mailing address and claim forms may be obtained from the Tricare Service Center on Panzer Kaserne or via the Tricare Europe Web site (www.europe.tricare.osd.mil – see fact sheets 8 and 10).

For more information call Gabriele Southwood at 431-3025/civ. 07031-15-3025.

For more about health and dental care in Stuttgart and Garmisch see page 6.

Stuttgart middle school teachers attend national conference

Böblingen Middle School Release

Two middle school teams of educators from Böblingen and Robinson Barracks middle schools attended the National Middle School Association’s Institute for Middle Level Leadership in Charleston, South Carolina July 9 to 12.

This training reflects the Bavaria District of the Department of Defense Schools’ commitment to the success of the middle school initiative in the Stuttgart complex schools.

The following Stuttgart-area educators attended the conference:

- Thor Anderson
 - Ellen Hall
 - Lisa Kunstman
 - Wanda Maier
 - Ray Scantlan
 - Carissa Schnell
 - Debbie Strong
 - Gloria Yokley
- The event focused on how quality academic programs can be provided to young adolescents (ages 10 to 15) in a developmentally responsive manner.

Stuttgart Middle Schools Online

1. Visit the DoDDS-E Bavaria District Web site at www.bav-dso.eu.dodea.edu.
2. Select “Schools” (on left side of main page)
3. Select “Stuttgart Middle Schools”

Topics included qualities of an effective middle school, using data to evaluate the school and make decisions to strengthen learning, involving community members in middle schools, and setting a vision for middle school excellence.

NMSA is the largest professional organization serving educators and parents who work with young adolescents. With 28,000 members, NMSA provides professional development, has initiated the Young Adolescent in October, and publishes information to help educators and parents work with this age group.

For more information about NMSA visit the organization’s Web site at www.nmsa.org.

News & Notes

Private orgs: Check your mailboxes

Private organizations that have mailboxes in the Patch Consolidated Mailroom must ensure that mail is picked up promptly. Organization that fail to pick up their mail for 30 days will have the mail returned to sender and the box will be closed. For details call 430-4076/civ. 0711-680-4076.

Swim lessons in Stuttgart

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Child and Youth Services will offer summer swim lessons with certified instructors during July and August.

All CYS-registered children 18 months and above are eligible. The program offers six different levels ranging from beginning to advanced swimmers. Cost is \$50 per child, and registration takes place in the CYS Central Registration Office. For details call 430-7483/civ. 0711-680-7483.

Organizations change hours

- The U.S. Forces Customs Office is now open Mondays to Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office, which is located on Panzer Kaserne (building 2913, Room 303) is closed on all U.S. holidays.

- The Stuttgart Wellness Center will only be open Wednesday mornings based on the availability of volunteers. All inquiries, including fitness assessment information, should be directed to the SWC director at 430-4073/civ. 0711-680-4073.

- All Stuttgart-area Community Banks will not open until 10 a.m. on Thursdays for employee training. This change will be in effect through Aug. 3.

Volunteer opportunities abound

- The Stuttgart Girl Scout Neighborhood is in need of volunteers to help with its summer day camp, tentatively scheduled for Aug. 21 to 25, with sleepover nights Aug. 23 and 24. Military members may apply for permissive TDY status during the camp.

The camp will have an outdoor skills theme and is in especially in need of lifeguards. For more information contact Eric Warner, camp director, at 430-4927/civ. 0711-680-4927 or e-mail warnere@eucom.mil.

- Do you have the time and the desire to help service members and their families get the most out of their time in Europe? If so, the Stuttgart USO can use your help.

Call the USO at 430-5559/civ. 0711-680-5559 or visit office (Patch Barracks, building 2307) and pick up a volunteer application.

- For more information about volunteer opportunities in Stuttgart call Army Community Service at 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176.

Shape Up with Jazzercise

Jazzercise blends aerobics, yoga, Pilates, and kickboxing movements into fun dance routines set to fresh new music. All fitness levels are welcome.

- Kelley Fitness Center: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m.

- Patch Fitness Center: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m.

- Panzer Fitness Center: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

For more information call 430-5386 or 0711-120-2025, 07157-98-9527 or 07158-987-6196.

On the go with the USO

The Stuttgart USO features the following trips in July:

- **King Ludwig’s Castles** (July 22) – Visit Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau during this daylong excursion. \$99 per adult; \$84 per child

- **Mercedes Factory Tour** (July 24) – This 90-minute tour is free for ages 12 and over.

- **Munich City & Castle Tour** (July 26) – Experience this historic Bavarian city like you’ve never seen it before. \$87 per adult; \$82 per child

- **Verona, Italy** (July 26 to 29) – The legendary home of Romeo & Juliet is not to be missed. \$139 per adult; \$135 per child

For more information about these and other USO opportunities call 430-5559/civ. 0711-680-5559

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Avoid separation anxiety. Call the Stuttgart Army Career Alumni Program at 431-2191/civ. 07031-15-2191 for your pre-separation briefing.

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5th Signal commander to oversee force protection effort in Stuttgart, Garmisch

By Hugh C. McBride

The commander of the Mannheim-based 5th Signal Command has been selected to serve as U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's senior mission commander for force protection and antiterrorism.

Brig. Gen. Dennis L. Via, who will continue to lead the 5th Signal Command, will also oversee the FP/AT programs for U.S. Army Garrisons Darmstadt, Garmisch, Heidelberg and Mannheim.

"I look forward to working with USAG-Stuttgart and EUCOM headquarters on behalf of U.S. Army Europe in providing a safe and secure environment for our service men and women, civilians, and their families in the Stuttgart and Garmisch communities," Via said.

"The primary responsibility [for the senior mission commander] is to provide oversight for the garrison's AT program,"

ABOUT BRIG. GEN. VIA

Brigadier General Dennis L. Via assumed duties as Commanding General, 5th Signal Command; and United States Army Europe and Seventh Army CIO/G6 Aug. 17, 2005.

Via leads an organization of over 3,600 military, civilian, and host-nation personnel responsible for providing theater-wide command, control, communications, and computer sys-

tems and support to EUCOM, SHAPE and all USAREUR major subordinate commands.

Via is a native of Martinsville, Va.

He graduated from Virginia State University in Petersburg, Va., in May 1980 as a distinguished military graduate, and received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps.

He holds a Master's Degree from Boston University.

said Steve Raymond, acting director of USAG Stuttgart's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, which has local responsibility for the area's AT and FP efforts.

Raymond said Via's oversight will include concerns such as operational secu-

rity, physical security and assessments of the garrison's overall AT/FP effort. "There's a lot of pieces to that [AT/FP] program," he said.

For more about Brig. Gen Via online visit www.5sigcmd.army.mil.



Lt. Col. William Duggan receives the 52nd Signal Battalion colors from 2nd Signal Brigade Commander Col. Robert S. Ferrell July 6 on Patch Barracks. Duggan replaced Lt. Col. John Beuckens as commander of 52nd Signal during the ceremony.

Duggan takes command of 52nd Signal Battalion

Story & photo by Hugh C. McBride

Command of the 52nd Signal Battalion passed from Lt. Col. John Beuckens to Lt. Col. William Duggan during a July 6 ceremony on Patch Barracks.

"I am honored and proud to have had the opportunity to be the commander of this outstanding organization," Beuckens said, describing the 52nd as is "a unique unit with a complex mission and a diverse workforce."

2nd Signal Battalion Commander Robert S. Ferrell said that Beuckens' tenure at the helm of the battalion was one of continued success for the organization.

"Never have I encountered a more charismatic leader," Ferrell said. "[Beuckens] brings out the very best in the command."

Beuckens, who had led the battalion since July 7, 2004, will be relocating to Kuwait, where

he will serve as deputy commander of the 160th Signal Brigade.

Beuckens' replacement "couldn't be more prepared to take this command," Ferrell said. Duggan, who comes to Stuttgart from Heidelberg, where he served as chief of the U.S. Army, Europe, Transformation Cell, is "the very best choice for the job," Ferrell said.

"I promise to serve ... with my utmost ability and compassion," Duggan said.

With a lineage that can be traced to the 1920s, the 52nd Signal Battalion earned the nickname "MacArthur's Own" during its service in support of World War II campaigns in Dutch New Guinea, Layte, Luzon and the southern Philippines.

Headquartered on Patch Barracks since 1974, the battalion provides communication support for organizations and operations within the U.S. European Command area of responsibility.

PERSONNEL NEWS

EUCOM Chief of Staff

U.S. European Command Release

Marine Corps Maj. Gen. William D. Catto, former commanding general of Marine Corps Systems Command, assumed the responsibilities as the U.S. European Command chief of staff July 5.

Catto replaces Lt. Gen. Colby Broadwater who recently retired.

Catto is a command pilot with more than 4,100 flight hours in 13 aircraft types and is a seasoned Marine who has served in a variety of command and staff positions including the regimental operations officer for the 7th Marines; administrative assistant to the deputy commandant for aviation at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Commanding Officer, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163; Weapons Systems Cost Analysis Division of the Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory and Vice Chief of Naval Research, Office of Naval Research; before being assigned as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command.



Catto

For more about EUCOM visit www.eucom.mil.

NATO School Commandant

By Sergeant Major Sjon Selles
NATO School Public Affairs Office

Marine Corps Col. James J. Tabak, assumed the responsibilities as Commandant of the NATO School in Oberammergau during a June 30 ceremony that was presided over by Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, Air Force Gen. Lance L. Smith.

After three years of being the Commandant of the NATO School, Air Force Col. Mark P. Sullivan was relieved from his duties and recognized for his achievements and outstanding performance providing first-class training and education NATO-wide.

Since 1953, more than 132,000 officers, noncommissioned officers and civilians have attended courses at the NATO School. It has grown from two courses in 1953 to 78 different courses in 2006.



Tabak

For more about the NATO School visit www.natoschool.nato.int.

Bundeswehr thanked for service in Garmisch Garrison, Marshall Center honor German troops for force protection effort on Sheridan Kaserne

By Anne Fugate

George C. Marshall Center Public Affairs Office

The George C. Marshall Center said farewell to the German sailors who provided security at the front gate for the last seven months in a ceremony July 6 that also marked the end of the presence of Bundeswehr guards on Sheridan Kaserne.

Center Director Dr. John P. Rose thanked the 34 members of the Navy Protection Forces unit for their hard work in often adverse conditions.

"You were always there, day and night, in the sun and heat, in the rain and cold," he said. "[It was] a thankless, strenuous job, but an extremely important one. Important for us, important for our institution, important for our work and our students."

Col. Kenneth G. Juergens, commander of U.S. Army Garrisons Stuttgart and Garmisch, noted that it is important to recognize the contributions German forces make to U.S. forces in Germany.

"Often I get asked, what does the German military or the German government do for us?" Juergens said. "My reply to that is, just look at these outstanding naval security forces, for the mission that they've done, for their presence here."

German military units took over the Marshall Center security mission from the U.S. Army National Guard, which was activated after Sept. 11, 2001. The first Bundeswehr unit at the Marshall Center, an Air Force unit from Lagerlechfeld, reported in January 2003.

The Bundeswehr began protecting U.S. military installations at the request of the U.S. government. The agreement between the U.S. and German governments regarding the Bundeswehr guards' presence at the Marshall Center ends mid-July because of the Bundeswehr's other military requirements.

At the height of Bundeswehr guard support, more than 2600 German service members protected 50 U.S. military installations. With the departure of the Navy Protection Forces unit from the Marshall Center, German service members will be guarding just one U.S. installation, Ramstein Air Base. German guards will depart Ramstein Sept. 29.

Commander of the Navy Protection Forces, Cmdr. Andreas Mügge, noted that protecting U.S. bases is one of his unit's oldest tasks, with previous assignments at bases in Grafenwöhr, Landstuhl, and Spangdahlem.

Mügge said that while his unit is returning to Eckernförde, they will still be supporting the U.S. armed forces by providing security for U.S. Navy ships discharging cargo at German ports.

For more about the Marshall Center visit www.marshallcenter.org.



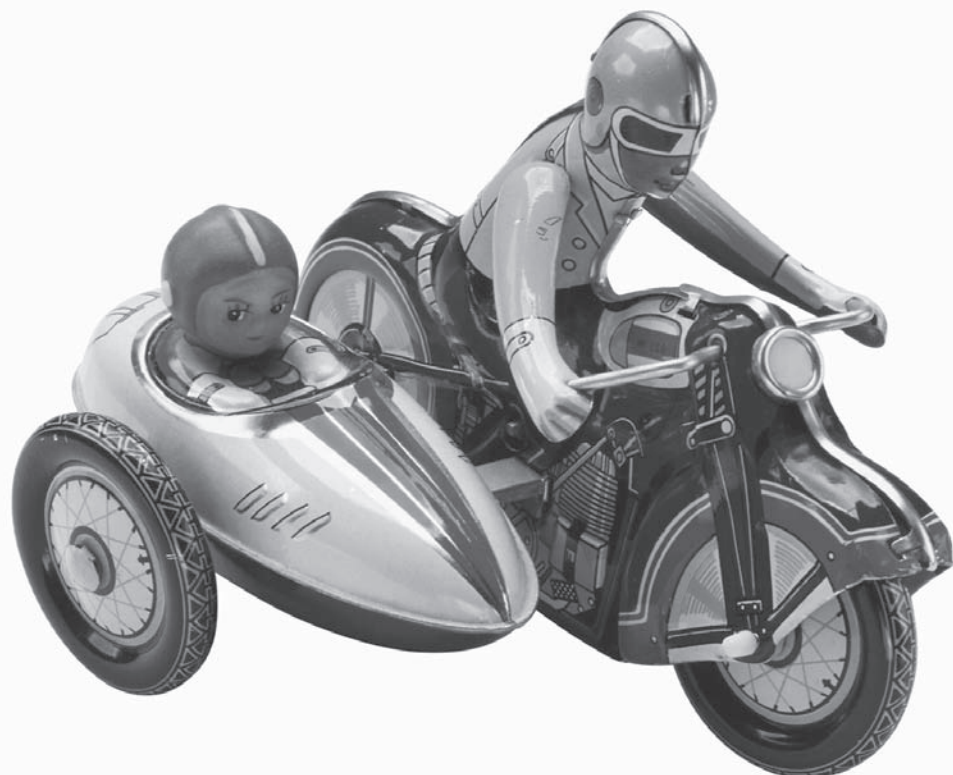
photos by Sue Ferrare

[Above] George C. Marshall Center Director Dr. John P. Rose, left, and U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens thank Bundeswehr troops July 6 during a ceremony on Sheridan Kaserne. The German service members were honored for provided force protection services in Garmisch.



[Above] Juergens presents a plaque during the July 6 ceremony. Bundeswehr troops had been serving on Sheridan Kaserne (home of the Marshall Center) since January 2003, when they replaced U.S. National Guard Soldiers.

Motorcycle Safety Training in Garmisch



Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Riders Course

Class will be held two more times
on post in Garmisch:
August 10 & September 15

Anyone applying
for a USAREUR motorcycle driver's license
must provide proof of course completion.

For more information or to register for a class
call 440-3676/civ. 08821-750-3676
or visit the Garmisch MP station.

(For more about motorcycle safety see page 13.)

'Soldiers' Angels' serve wounded warriors

Volunteers provide necessities, boost morale of recovering troops in Landstuhl, other military hospitals

By Karl Weisel
Army News Service

Coping with the carnage of war is challenging in the best of circumstances. Arriving at a hospital in a foreign land weak, injured and separated from one's friends or fellow Soldiers only increases the trauma.

Members of the Soldiers' Angels make it their mission to help service members being treated for injuries suffered in Iraq and Afghanistan at the Army's Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, as well as other military hospitals. They offer friendship, visits and donations ranging from clothes to backpacks.

Founded by Patti Patton-Bader, the mother of a Soldier who had deployed to Iraq, Soldiers' Angels attracts support from all over the world said Wilhelmine Aufmkolk, a longtime member of the Wiesbaden Kontakt Club and supporter of the Soldiers' Angels organization.

"There are about 40,000 people involved, with about 60 people in Europe, who regularly support Soldiers' Angels," she said. "In 2004 we realized there was an extreme need for backpacks, underwear, hygiene items, something to read, homemade blankets – anything to make the Soldiers' lives easier when recovering in the hospital."

Aufmkolk and her husband, Rudi, both German citizens, got involved with Soldiers' Angels after an American friend from Wiesbaden deployed to Iraq in 2003.

"We began by sending packages to Soldiers in Iraq," she said.

In 2003, they had a chance to visit the Landstuhl hospital. There they discovered the Soldiers' Angels organization, a non-profit, volunteer organization whose mission is to provide aid and comfort to service members and their families.

Through Soldiers' Angels and Fisher House, Aufmkolk was able to regularly take items to the hospital and Kaiserslautern's Kleber Kaserne, where service members recover from injuries suffered in Operations Iraqi and Enduring

‘Quite often troops are flown here right off the battlefield and arrive clothed only in the skin they were born in. The items that [Soldiers' Angels] provides are a visible show of appreciation for their efforts to advance the cause of freedom in the world.

Maj. Douglas J. Harvey
Landstuhl Regional Medical Center

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"One could see from their faces a sense of relief that someone besides the doctors and nurses came to visit and show concern," Aufmkolk said.

"In 2004 we met a man who had lost a leg and was in a wheelchair. He took the gift we had brought, but he wouldn't look at me, as if he were embarrassed about his injury," she said. "I ran into him again later in the Landstuhl hospital and invited him to have a cup of coffee with me. After talking for a little while his face finally opened up, and it was as if he came back to life. It's the small things, like conversation and someone showing he or she cares, that make a difference."

"Quite often troops are flown here right off the battlefield and arrive clothed only in the skin they were born in," said Maj. Douglas J. Harvey, senior Army National Guard adviser at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. "The items that Willie (Aufmkolk) provides are a visible show of appreciation for their efforts to advance the cause of freedom in the world."

"The backpacks allow newly arrived patients to clean up and get changed and to feel more comfortable and human

again," he said, adding that members of the Soldier's Angels also arrive with Christmas stockings during the holidays, help the service members write letters home and provide other motivational support.

"She and her organization provide an absolutely vital service in the process of changing a wounded warrior from aerial cargo to valued hero – a contribution that speeds healing and increases retention," said Harvey. "All Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines benefit from the generosity of the folks back home and the efforts of Soldiers' Angels."

Aufmkolk said her interest in German-American friendship is part of what inspires her participation with Soldiers' Angels.

"I think it's great to help our friends. If it wasn't for what the Americans did in Germany after World War II, we wouldn't be able to live the way we do today. The Americans brought us freedom and they helped us to rebuild our country," she said.

Weisel is editor of the Herald Union, the command information newspaper of U.S. Army Garrison Hessen. For more about Soldiers' Angels visit www.soldiersangels.org.

HEALTH CARE CORNER

Note: This is the debut of "Health Care Corner," a new feature that is designed to ensure that all members of the Stuttgart and Garmisch military communities are kept as informed as possible about issues related to on-post medical and dental care. Check The Citizen's Health Care Corner every two weeks for the latest information.

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart

Hours of Operation

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursdays: 1 to 4 p.m.

Military Sick Call

Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

Pharmacy

Mon., Wed, Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursdays: 1 to 4 p.m.

Immunizations

Walk-in basis
Closed noon to 1 p.m.

Well Baby Care

Every Tuesday

Laboratory

Mon., Wed, Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursdays: 1 to 4 p.m.

Physical Exams

Active-duty only
8 to 11 a.m.

Well Woman Care

Every Wednesday

Appointments

430-8610/civ. 0711-680-8610 or 430-8611/civ. 0711-680-8611
Tricare beneficiaries can also make appointments online
Visit www.tricareonline.com

Stuttgart Dental Clinic

Hours of Operation

Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Active-Duty Sick Call

Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

All Others Sick Call

Mon. to Fri.: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Appointments

430-8626/civ. 0711-680-8626

Garmisch Dental Clinic

Hours of Operation

Mon., Wed & Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tue: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. / Thurs: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Military Sick Call

Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 8 a.m.

Appointments

440-3414/civ. 08821-750-3414

Note

Dental services are extremely limited for patients other than active-duty service members and their families.

Shakespeare brings Patch drama to life

Students attend theater workshop in London

Story by Brandon Beach

Patch High School had a revolution. It wasn't of the earth-shattering type, but it did turn a few heads.

As fall semester 2005 moved into winter, suddenly doing drama was as popular as running the football.

"I started out with single digits," said Elizabeth Casciaro, the school's first full-time drama teacher. "I ended up with 28 kids in every class."

Even Casciaro admits that she can't fully explain the numbers. A teenager's appetite shifts as often as their ring tones.

One day break dancing can be the coolest thing on cardboard, the next day it's not. The same goes with drama.

But if Casciaro truly aimed to put drama on par with Snapple, she certainly didn't make it mouthwatering.

For starters, she centered most of her classes on a 500-year old playwright, William Shakespeare, author of such classics as "Romeo and Juliet" and "Hamlet," who some might consider less edible than a plate of uncooked green beans.

"They all walked in on the first day with these negative attitudes," said Casciaro. "I wanted to make the words jump off the page for them."

That meant giving Shakespeare over to the students.

Casciaro said she focused on exposing the students' individual talents. Even stage-shy students could pour their creativity into such areas as costume design, makeup, stage craft or lighting. Drama didn't just mean doing monologues.

"That's what hooked them," said Casciaro. "It was the fact that you didn't need to be an actor to be successful in a drama classroom."

The result was two sold-out performances of "Shakespeare Alive" in March at the PHS Forum. Some 70 students took part in the full-scale production that ran the gamut of Shakespeare's vast literary library.

Along the way, even Shakespeare had a mini-makeover, depicted on posters throughout campus donning a Sid Vicious mohawk and Miami Vice sunglasses.

"Shakespeare just caught fire," said Casciaro. "It probably happens once every 10 years."

Homage to Shakespeare

Over 20 students from the PHS drama program took part in a four-day excursion to London, England, May 25 to 30 to cap off their yearlong dedication to the stage.

The group visited some 14 venues including a multitude of Shakespearian hot spots such as the Globe Theatre, where Shakespeare began his career as an actor and playwright, Stratford-Upon-Avon, his birthplace in the rural Warwickshire countryside, and the Holy Trinity Church, where he is buried.

At the Globe Theatre, students took part in a 3-credit hour workshop where they explored the history of the theater, mastered stage combat, toolled around with set construction and took in the play, "Titus Andronicus."

This year marks the first time PHS has joined the International Thespian Society. More than 50 drama students from the school received certificate letters from ITS recognizing their ongoing commitment to the performing arts. Accredited by the ITS, the workshop at the



William Shakespeare, the famous 16th century playwright, was born near the waters of the River Avon. A visit to the quaint town of Stratford-Upon-Avon in the Warwickshire countryside offers a chance to visit numerous museums and theaters devoted to the prolific bard.



photos courtesy of PHS Drama Department

(Left) Patch drama teacher Elizabeth Casciaro hugs her waxed muse in London's Madame Tussauds. (Right) Students from the PHS drama program visit the gift shop at the Globe Theatre in London. The group took part in a theater workshop at the Globe May 26.

Globe was a chance for students to log hours into their burgeoning portfolios.

A performance at the Globe, which is situated on the River Thames, takes viewers back in time to 16th century England. There is no artificial lighting in the theater; instead, the roof is open to the skies, which could include the occasional rain.

The theater seats about 1,000, plus an additional 500 can stand on a dirt floor called the "yard" in front of the stage, where viewers are referred to as "groundlings."

Actors may situate themselves in this ground-level area alongside the audience and shout back to the performers on stage. This tug-of-war dialogue opens up a debate between the audience and the piece being performed.

For the budget traveler, Casciaro recommends buying a ticket as a "groundling," which costs a mere five British pounds (\$9.30)

and gets you close to the action.

Road to Stratford

In addition to stopovers at the Hard Rock Café on Old Park Lane (the first of its kind dating back to 1971 with a multitude of rock memorabilia on display including Eric Clapton's Lead II Fender guitar), the London Dungeon, where the gruesome history of Jack the Ripper is unraveled, and Wagamama, a Japanese restaurant that Casciaro said is perfect for "large portions at a normal price," the group took a two-hour train ride from London to Stratford-Upon-Avon to spend the day.

Situated along the banks of the Avon river, the town bristles with its Shakespearean lore; it's like going to Salzburg and tripping over Mozart at every corner.

The city sight-seeing bus is a convenient way to get a lay of the land at eight pounds (\$15). Tack on an extra six pounds and include a boat tour down the River Avon, which me-

anders through the city center.

The city's two Shakespeare theaters, the Swan and the Royal Theatre, are situated along the river. PHS students took in an after-noon performance of "Julius Cesaer."

"You haven't seen Shakespeare performed correctly unless you see them do it," said Casciaro of the Royal Theatre.

Tickets range from 10 to 45 pounds depending on seating. This year the theatre company is performing the complete works of Shakespeare.

Though Shakespeare grew up, married and fathered his children in Stratford, he would later move to London to begin his career as a playwright. He wrote his first play, "Henry V" at the age of 23.

The group's flight from Baden-Baden to Stansted airport (just outside of London) was funded by a grant through the Stuttgart Community Spouses Club.

Food & fun, friendship & fireworks

Stuttgart residents celebrate Independence Day

By Hugh C. McBride

Hundreds of members of the Stuttgart military community and dozens of German guests spent July 4 on Patch Barracks's Husky Field, where U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's daylong Independence Day celebration culminated with fireworks and fustball.

In a show of international camaraderie, the traditional American celebration was augmented with two large plasma-screen televisions, which were set up on the field so that soccer fans could watch the German national soccer team's World Cup semifinal match, which began about an hour before the fireworks.

The day started with more traditionally American sports – softball and horseshoes. On the Husky Field diamond, the USAG Stuttgart Sports & Fitness Offices's annual Softball Xplosion tournament wrapped up four days of competition with a championship match between "Smashmouth" (an all-star squad comprised of military members from various communities in German and Belgium) and the Stuttgart community-level team.

Though Stuttgart had fought its way out of the loser's bracket to face of for the championship, the visitors proved invincible, completing an undefeated run to the title.

After the softball action, the shoe-pitchers took to the field. Stuttgart's Darryl Horten was the most accurate tosser, followed by Loni Hess in second place and Jody Hawkins in third.

Community members who preferred consumerism over competition had plenty to enjoy as well, as a Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored craft fair featured the works and wares of some of the community's most talented artisans.

Alongside the craft fair, children lined up to have their faces painted or to create their own works of art a young people's crafts table sponsored by Stuttgart's Child and Youth Services.

Youth who wished to express themselves in a more energetic manner took advantage of a number of outlets that put the "active" in activity. Padded Sumo wrestling suits, extremely oversized boxing gloves and the always popular "bouncy castles" let the more kinetically-inclined safely jump, bounce and swing to their hearts' content.

Throughout the afternoon, attendees were entertained with live performances from local bands One Brick Shy and The Groove Factory as well as a special appearance by the Orlando Magic Dancers.

Also, a dunking booth put a series of senior enlisted leaders in the seat of honor to raise funds for Stuttgart's Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers program. BOSS members played a prominent role throughout the weekend, as they staffed a concession stand for the duration of the Softball Xplosion tournament.

"This was an outstanding community event," said USAG Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens, who hosted the event with his wife, Gabby. "Our MWR team – and everyone else who worked so hard to put this together – really did a great job. People keep telling me it was one of the best celebrations they've ever attended."

"The whole day was a true team effort," said Martha Povich, DMWR community recreation officer. Povich noted that in addition to setting up and cleaning up, MWR personnel served food and drinks, supervised the children's activities, coordinated the live entertainment and generally worked to ensure that a good time was had by all.

Or, as acting MWR Director Karin Santos put it, the MWR staffers "gave up their holiday and worked hard so that others could enjoy themselves."

Among those who enjoyed the event were about 70 German guests who were invited to participate in this quintessential American celebration. The guests included several local mayors and regional directors (including Gabriele Müller-Trimbush, Stuttgart's deputy mayor for social affairs) as well as representatives from the German *Polizei* and leaders of local industries, businesses and organizations.

"I'm glad that so many of our German friends could be with us to enjoy this event," Juergens said. As an expression of that appreciation – as well as a nod toward the many soccer fans from within the U.S. community – Juergens saw to it that the event tents included televisions to show the Germany-Italy World Cup match.

One of the German guests, retired *Luftwaffe* Lt. Col. Claws Tosches, who now works for DaimlerChrysler in Möhringen, said he thought the event was "a great opportunity to meet and mingle with members of the American military."

For a look at how U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch celebrated Independence Day see page 10.



Lt. Col. Neal Schneider

Fireworks light up the night sky over Patch Barracks. U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's July 4 celebration.



Hugh C. McBride

[Above] U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens, right, and Roberto Luigioni from Swaben Brau tap the ceremonial keg to officially open Stuttgart's July 4 celebration.



Hugh C. McBride

[Left] The Orlando Magic Dancers entertain the crowd July 4 on Patch Barracks. The dancers' show included music, comedy and dance (of course) as well as audience participation events and prizes.

[Right] Amelia Simpson, 14, proudly displays her patriotism.

[Far Right] A young community member gets a lift from "Stuff the Magic Dragon," the mascot who accompanied the Orlando Magic Dancers to Stuttgart's July 4 celebration.



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Sue Ferrare

Fanciful headwear, painted faces and craft projects were three of the many ways that Garmisch youth were able to enjoy themselves during the community's annual Independence Day celebration on Artillery Kaserne

Garmisch residents gather on Artillery Kaserne for a family-friendly Fourth of July



Sue Ferrare

For those who chose to wear their patriotism on their sleeves – or even a bit more prominently than that – the face-painting booth allowed them to let unleash their artistic expressions



Drew Benson

[Above] Nothing says "summer celebration" like a heapin' helpin' of ice cream. Traditional American picnic delicacies helped Garmisch residents get into the spirit of an overseas Independence



[Left] Garmisch-area band Greenhouse Lizard provides a backbeat to the community's Independence Day celebration. In addition to the music, event attendees enjoyed a variety of games and activities.

Sue Ferrare

U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch Public Affairs Release

The members of the Garmisch military community celebrated America's Independence Day with a festive family-friendly gathering on Artillery Kaserne.

The celebration offered a wide range of entertainment options available for attendees. Local band Greenhouse Lizard lent their musical stylings, while other enticements included a number of games and activities for children [including a crafts station, a face-painting booth and a bouncy castle] softball games for the adults, and of course an ample offering of mouth-watering traditional American picnic delicacies.

Dirk Saar, who has lived in Garmisch for three years, said he thought the celebration was the best he had been to during his time in Garmisch.

"I thought it was wonderful," he said. "For the size of our community, it was perfect."

Ellen Harris, who leads Garmisch's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, concurred.

"Every thing just fell into place," she said. "It was a pleasant relaxing day and we got to sit and enjoy our friends. Everyone I talked to enjoyed it. It was a great way to spend the 4th."

For more about U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch visit www.garmisch.army.mil.

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USAREUR commander: Recent drownings highlight dangers, demand focus on safety

By Gen. David D. McKiernan
U.S. Army Europe

Two of our Soldiers drowned over the Fourth of July holiday, one in a lake and the other in a swimming pool.

The Soldier who drowned in the lake had been with a few friends on a pedal boat when he jumped into the water with all of his clothes on. The boat drifted away and he tried to swim to it, but he was too tired to do so. His friends jumped into the water to help but were unable to save him. Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in this tragedy.

The Soldier who drowned in the pool was an acknowledged nonswimmer. He had been enjoying the pool with his family and friends, but at one point became separated from them. He was later found unconscious in the pool. Although pool employees administered CPR with help from his fellow Soldiers, he was later pronounced dead at a local hospital.

These tragedies highlight the dangers associated with swimming and other water sports. Although they offer a great opportunity to escape from the summer heat, water sports can be deadly. Our children are especially at risk. In the United States, drowning is the biggest accidental injury-related cause of death among children ages 1 through 4 and the second biggest killer of children ages 14 and under.

To help prevent more tragic deaths this summer, I encourage everyone to view the film "Reasons People Drown." This film is available for loan from garrison safety offices and provides valuable information on water safety. In addition, I ask you to keep the following in mind:

European swimming facilities differ from those in the United States in many ways. Most of them do not have lifeguards as we know them; instead, they have personnel who perform maintenance and monitor the overall behavior of their guests. Although these personnel will attempt to save someone who is drowning, they do not continuously monitor swimmers.

For this reason, parents and friends must closely supervise young children and nonswimmers at all times.

Alcohol and water sports do not mix. USAREUR has lost 37 Soldiers since 1980 to drownings, and alcohol use was cited as a contributing factor in most of these incidents. Alco-



From local pools to oceanside resorts, bodies of water are traditional enticements as temperatures rise. Don't let summer recreation turn tragic – keep safety at the forefront and keep an eye on your acquaintances.

hol can distort your judgment and affect your balance, coordination, and ability to swim. Alcohol can also reduce your ability to stay warm, which increases the risk of hypothermia.

Young children are usually fascinated by water and can quickly get themselves in trouble if they are not supervised. Parents can help keep their children safe by carefully watching them when they are around water and ensuring access to a telephone is readily available to call for help if needed.

In addition, no one should ever leave a body of water – including wading pools – accessible to children without supervision.

• **Soldiers:** I ask you to look after one another. Your fellow Soldiers depend on you. Do not do anything foolish. Taking unnecessary risks not only jeopardizes your life, it jeopardizes the lives of your family members and battle buddies.

• **Leaders:** Talk to your Soldiers and ensure they read this message. Also continue Under the Oak Tree counseling with those you supervise. This verbal dialog is critical to prevent-

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jeopardizes your life, it jeopardizes the lives
of your family members and battle buddies.*

ing the loss of the Army's most precious asset – its Soldiers.

No Loss of Life remains our goal. We can reach that goal through personal involvement with and genuine concern for one another.

Have a wonderful and – above all – safe summer!

McKiernan is commander of U.S. Army, Europe, and 7th Army. This "McKiernan Sends" message originally appeared online at www.hqusareur.army.mil.

Installation security: It's no laughing matter

By Gary L. Kieffer
U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

Entering the gates of any military installation can sometimes be time consuming.

However, joking about the presence of a bomb or weapon in your vehicle will not get you a smile from the security personnel working the gate, nor will it make your entrance go any faster.

"Incidents of persons entering our kasernes and joking about having an explosive device, bomb or weapon in their vehicles happens, occasionally," said Lt. Col. Carol McKinney, U.S. Army Europe, office of the provost marshal.

"It's a big deal," said Lt. Col. Deborah Anderson, U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg provost marshal. "Military police are called, EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) is called, the installation is shut down and the vehicle is thoroughly searched."

"The people responsible are detained and their installation passes are suspended," she said.

McKinney said most suspects in such cases are charged with communicating a threat or bomb threat, under Article 134 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, though some may be charged under German law.

**At an installation access control point,
be courteous; present your
identification and registration when
asked, and don't joke about a bomb
or weapon in your vehicle.**

"The German police use similar verbiage, though (the punishment) can be a bit stronger because of the potential endangerment to others," she said.

"People need to remember that there are consequences for such actions," McKinney said.

McKinney and Anderson offer the following advice: at an installation gate or access control point, use common-sense. Be courteous; present your identification and vehicle registration when asked, and don't joke about a bomb, explosive device or weapon in your vehicle.

"There's nothing funny at all in making this kind of a joke," McKinney said. "When everyone responds to the threat of a bomb, this actually ties up those emergency responders who should be available to respond to real life and death incidents."

NUMBERS TO KNOW

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- Garmisch civ. 08821-750-114

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Garmisch: 440-3801/civ. 08821-750-3801*

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- Stuttgart civ. 0711-680-116
- Garmisch civ. 08821-750-116

Fire Department: 117

- Stuttgart civ. 0711-680-117
- Garmisch civ. 08821-750-117

Chaplain's Office

- Stuttgart 430-5000/civ. 0711-680-5000
- Garmisch 440-2819/civ. 08821-750-2819

Family Advocacy Program

- Stuttgart 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176
- Garmisch 440-2584/civ. 08821-750-2584

U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch's Safety Day emphasizes vehicle accident prevention

By Sue Ferrare

Motor vehicle accidents have become the leading cause of death for soldiers, prompting safety officials to put new emphasis on accident prevention, said Maureen Pikal, Safety Manager for the Installation Management Activity – Europe.

The Garmisch Safety Office held a Motor Vehicle Safety Day to educate people about driving hazards and what the Army has available to them to help them.

"The Army is losing a lot of people because of accidents," said Andreas Tuerk, Safety Manager for U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch. "They want to make people aware of the dangers and that's why we showed videos and had an exhibition of the safety equipment we have."

Over the course of the day, the safety office showed accident avoidance videos to both the U.S. and local national employees, held a ride straight class, had a "Jaws of Life" vehicle rescue demonstration as well as an exhibition of the proper protective gear for motorcycles.

Tuerk also made sure that motorcycle and motor vehicle trainers and the Stuttgart Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program counselor were available to discuss their programs.

"Another purpose of safety day is to let people know what emergency services can do for the community," he said. "We had the Military Police, the Directorate of Emergency Services and Fire Prevention there at Safety Day."

"Part of our job is to let people know where these services are, what's available and what we can get for them," Pikal said.

Above all, Tuerk emphasized that summer is an especially important time of year to remember driving safety because children are out of school and many people are taking vacations.



courtesy Andreas Tuerk

German firefighters demonstrate the "Jaws of Life" during Garmisch's Safety Day on Artillery Kaserne. With an emphasis on vehicle safety, the day highlighted prevention tips and local emergency services personnel for members of the Garmisch military community.

"We usually plan the safety days to be seasonal - swimming in the summer and snow driving in the winter," said Pikal. "This year we're doing aggressive driver training. Our focus is driving and motorcyclists. We are doing traffic training and Motorcycle Safety Foundation classes."

Safety offices throughout the Army are trying to be proactive, Pikal said.

"We want people to include safety in their daily activities and make it part of what they do," she said. "We don't want people to plan for it separately but integrate it into everything they do. We want commanders to plan for safety up front and not after the fact or after an accident. We want to integrate risk management and safety. Planning to be safe can be a mission enhancer."

MANDATORY PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT & REQUIREMENTS

DODI 6055.4- DoD Traffic Safety Program & AR 385-55



FATALITIES

FY03	FY04	FY05
19	22	40

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Eye Protection.
Face shield or Impact-shatter resistant goggles or wrap-around glasses that meet ANSI Z87.1

Helmets.
certified by the manufacturer to meet or exceed DOT standards and must be properly fastened under the chin. A full face helmet with proper shield provides best protection

Garment Visibility.
A brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night.

Clothing.
Long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle.

Sturdy Foot Wear.
Lether boots or over-the ankle shoes.

On the road with "Le Tour"

Historic Strasbourg hosts opening day time trial

Story & photos by Brandon Beach

The 2006 Tour de France got off to a quick start in Strasbourg July 2. Some 180 of the world's top cyclists raced against the clock over the 4.4-mile opening day prologue in quest of the elusive yellow jersey.

The top 10 pedalers for the day dashed through the course's long straightaways and tight corners in just over eight minutes.

Norwegian sprint specialist Thor Hushovd crossed the finish line a split second faster than George Hincapie of Discovery Channel to earn a spot on the podium.

In the coming weeks, the Tour will be contested in 20 stages with over 2,000 miles of pavement left in its wake.

The Tour concludes July 24 with a final sprint down the fabled Champs-Élysées in Paris.

Unlike the FIFA World Cup, the Tour does not require a ticket to enter.

To get right up to the action, simply pick up a copy of the official Tour magazine (available at most news stands in English) and a Michelin map of France and stake claim to a piece of roadside property for a front row seat to the spectacle that the French simply call "Le Tour."

Day hopping to Strasbourg

Strasbourg proved an ideal spot to soak up all the speed and color of the world's toughest bicycle race.

But even without the Tour circus in town, the city makes for an easy day trip from Stuttgart.

By rail, a trip takes under two hours and costs about 30 euro both ways if booked in advance. Strasbourg is located just 10 miles from the German border.

It's so close to the Black Forest that there's even a foot bridge that links Strasbourg to the German town of Kehl. Suspended high above the Rhine River, the Two Shores Bridge has come to symbolize the historical threads between the two countries.

For history junkies, Strasbourg fell under German rule in 1871 following the Franco-Prussian War. In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles restored the city back to France.

Since then, the city has risen to become the capital of Alsace - France's famous wine-producing region - and the center of international politics.

Here some 75 international consulates have set up shop. The city is also home to such prominent institutions as the Council of Europe, European Court of Human Rights and, alongside Brussels, the European Parliament.

For first-time visitors, Strasbourg is best

explored by boat. The canal tour on the Ill River costs 7 euro per person and floats through the city's vast waterways, all under the gaze of Strasbourg's most prominent Gothic landmark: the Cathedral. The departure area is located at the Palais Rohan, and the tour lasts about an hour.

Visitors who prefer to pedal can rent bikes in front of the main train station at the Rue du Maire Kuss or near the Porte de l'Hopital on the Rue des Bouchers. The cost is roughly 14 euro for the day.

If either on bike or foot, visitors will want to explore in much detail la Petite France, the oldest quarter in Strasbourg. A wooden foot bridge once sealed the area from invaders traveling by water.

The district still contains many original half-timbered houses and countless boutiques, outdoor cafés and restaurants. Since 1988, la Petite France has been a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The best known beers in town are Kronenbourg and Fischer, drank in abundance each night at La Gallia, the last restaurant in town run exclusively by university students. The atmosphere rocks, and the prices are cheap.

If you have some euros to burn, the four-star restaurants in town - many of them located near the Cathedral's cobble-stoned courtyard - will be happy to take your plastic.

For a taste of the culture, a local specialty is the Alsatian sauerkraut known as "choucroute." The dish is often served in a mountainous heap with a glass of Riesling on the side.

Baekehof, a beef, pork and potatoes stew, is another area morsel usually served for two or more persons. At Le Sanglier, a restaurant in the Carré d'Or district, you must inform the cook 24 hours in advance before arriving to plate, bib and spoon. It's that good.

Strasbourg is also known for its abundant white wine selection, the lightest being Sylvaner, enjoyed with cold cuts or fish.

For the budget traveler on the move, a slice of flammkuchen (thin pizza slathered in cream and cheese) can be found for a few euros from any of the numerous street corner vendors.

The short break will give any day hopper in Strasbourg the right boost of energy to get back on the pedals.

For more information on Strasbourg visit www.strasbourg.fr.

For up-to-the-minute reports on the Tour de France visit www.bicycling.com.



(Top) A cyclist from Team Euskatel rounds a corner July 2. (Above) A camera operator readies himself atop a motorcycle. (Side) A girl throws out goodies to tour spectators.



La Petite France district in Strasbourg still contains many original half-timbered houses and countless boutiques, outdoor cafés and restaurants to keep any first-time visitor entertained.

Pedaling to Paris



July 19, Wednesday

Stage 16: Bourg d'Oisan - La Toussuire, 182 km

July 20, Thursday

Stage 17: St. Jean de Maurienne - Morzine-Avoriaz, 200.5 km

July 21, Friday

Stage 18: Morzine-Avoriaz - Macon, 197 km

July 22, Saturday

Stage 19: Le Creusot - Montceau-les-Mines, 57 km

July 23, Sunday

Stage 20: Sceaux Antony - Paris, 154.5 km



Inside the Schellenturm restaurant, visitors can enjoy a plate of Schwabisch cuisine while surrounded by a piece of Stuttgart history. The tower, located in the Bohnen Quarter, is the only remnant of the city's 15th century fortification wall.

There's more than just beans at the Bohnenviertel festival

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Stuttgart's Bohnen Quarter gets its name from green beans. Since 1978, residents of this quaint district have hosted a festival to celebrate this popular tough-skinned vegetable.

"This festival is still exclusively run by the vendors here in the quarter," said Ursula Köhler, owner of the restaurant Basta on Wagnerstraße. "It's a very traditional fest that's crowded every year."

This year's Bohnenviertel Fest takes place July 28 and 29 in the narrow side streets near Charlottenplatz and is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Here numerous local restaurants set up shop and serve everything from Greek to Schwäbisch.

The fest is also a great chance to explore the small boutiques and art galleries that dot this tiny district. Later, take a break with a glass of local wine at any one of the numerous outdoor cafes that spill out onto the cobble-stoned plazas.

In the evenings, local music acts such as pop singer Hannes Orange; Mojo Oil, a blues band; Suffer in Silence, an acoustic rock quartet and countless others take to the stage at the Bolzplatz on Brennerstraße.

The district's name dates back to the Middle Ages when residents would dry green bean bushels outside their homes.

Today, socks and shirts do most of the drying outside. The name has stuck, but not the beans. Residents have since broadened their diets.

In the Middle Ages, Stuttgart was enclosed by a massive fortification wall

Wine online

Didn't get enough at the fest? The city of Stuttgart and local wineries have set up viniculture teaching paths throughout the region.

These tours are connected with wine tasting and guided walking tours.

For details visit these Web sites:

- www.stuttgart-tourist.de
- www.stuttgarter-wanderweg.de

that thwarted any potential invaders. Less affluent residents moved to the area now known as the Bohnen Quarter, located just outside the city border.

At the corner of Weber and Wagner stands the half-timbered Schellen Tower, the only visible remnant of the fortification wall. Once a former prison, the tower today houses a Schwäbisch restaurant.

This and other threads of the past await any first-time visitor to this charming festival.

How to Get There

The Bohnen Quarter is located directly at Charlottenplatz in downtown Stuttgart. The simplest way of getting to and from the fest area is via public transportation.

• S-Bahnen trains S1, S2 and S3 all stop at Haltestelle Schlossplatz, which is a short walk to the fest grounds.

• Stadtbahnen trains U5, U6 and U7 stop at Charlottenplatz.

• Stuttgart Bus 43 will deliver you to the Charlottenplatz stop.

For a complete list of train departure and arrival times visit www.reiseauskunft.bahn.de. For details about Stuttgart's Night Bus visit www.nachaktiv.net.



(Top) These days residents dry clothes instead of green beans. (Bottom) The outside of Weinhaus Stetter.



OUT & ABOUT

Sean Paul plays Schleyerhalle

Dancehall-reggae star Sean Paul and his band play music from their new album, "The Trinity," **July 19, 7:30 p.m.**, in Stuttgart's Schleyerhalle

For more information visit www.schleyerhalle.de or call 0711-255-5555. The hall is located at Mercedesstraße 69 (U-Bahn 11 to Gottlieb-Daimler Stadion).

Tickets cost 34 euro.

Pro tennis comes to Stuttgart

The world's top tennis players slug it out for top honors at this year's Mercedes Cup. The tournament takes place at the Tennisclub Weissenhof in Stuttgart through **July 23**.

Tickets range from 35 to 75 euro and may be purchased at www.mercedescup.de.

The tennis club is located at Parlerstraße 102.

DAZ events in July

Dr. Eric Denton, a Fulbright senior professor of American and German Studies at the Universität Regensburg, will deliver the lecture "Revolution's No. 1 Boy - Clifford Odets and the Revival of Politics in American Theater" **July 18, 7:30 p.m.** in the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum.

Every month, English speaking people from around the world meet to discuss a variety of topics over food and drink. Known as the "Stammtisch Transatlantic," the group meets **July 20, 8 p.m.** in Plenum, a restaurant located on Konrad-Adenauer-Straße 3.

The Baltimore Beauties, a multi-lingual hand sewing and quilting group, meets **July 21, 9 a.m. to noon**, in the DAZ.

The center is located at Charlottenplatz 17 (U-Bahn 5 or 6). For a complete list of DAZ-sponsored activities visit www.daz.org.

Eric Clapton in Mannheim

If you missed him in Stuttgart last month, he's back! Guitar legend Eric Clapton takes the stage **July 23** in Mannheim's SAP Arena.

Tickets cost 59 to 82 euro and may be purchased at www.mannheim-arena.de.

Jazz Open in Stuttgart

The 13th annual LBBW international jazz festival will take place **July 26 to 29** in Stuttgart's Liederhalle.

This year's lineup will feature numerous international musicians including the Herbie Hancock Quintet, Joe Jackson, Randy Newman and Joy Denalane.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.jazzopen.com.

The hall is located at Berlinerplatz 1-3 (U-Bahn 4 or 9 to the Berliner Platz stop).

Photo exhibit at the vhs

The vhs photogalerie hosts the exhibit "Tango Metropole" with works from internationally-acclaimed photo artist Thomas Kellner. His works snap a new look on modern architectural landmarks.

The gallery, located at Rotebühlplatz 28, is open Mondays to Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information visit www.vhs-photogalerie.de. The exhibit is open until **Aug. 2**.

Stones to rock Daimler Stadium

The Rolling Stones perform music from their new album "A Bigger Bang" **Aug. 3, 7 p.m.**, in Stuttgart's Gottlieb-Daimler Stadion. Tickets range from 76 to 190 euro depending on seating.

Reserve an evening with Mick and company by visiting www.konzertkarten-online.com.

INXS concert at LKA/Longhorn

International superstars INXS bring hits such as "New Sensation" and "Suicide Blonde" to Stuttgart's LKA Longhorn **Oct. 24, 8 p.m.** Tickets cost 30.25 euro and will sell fast. For tickets visit www.sksruss.de or call 0711-22-1105.

Voted one of the best rock clubs in Germany by "Vision" magazine, Longhorn is located at Heiligenwiesen 6 in the Wangen district.

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